

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

1. (Currently amended) A high-volume insert for an injection-molded toy figure, comprising:
a hollow body portion substantially frustoconical in shape and configured to form an inner supporting structure for an appendage of the toy figure, the body portion configured to at least partially conform to an outer surface of the appendage and **to define** ~~maintain~~ a hollow, **interior** space **and to occupy** ~~that occupies~~ at least 50% of a volume of an associated portion of the appendage, the body portion further including a plurality of stabilization pegs for stabilizing the insert within a mold; and
at least one engagement portion configured to engage and form a pivotable connection with another portion of the toy figure, the at least one engagement portion including a substantially planar tab and a cylindrical boss protruding from the tab, the boss supported by a plurality of reinforcement ridges extending between the tab and the body portion and substantially perpendicular to the tab.

2. (Original) The high-volume insert of claim 1, wherein the body portion is configured to occupy at least 60% of the volume of the associated portion of the appendage.

3. (Original) The high-volume insert of claim 1, wherein the body portion is configured to occupy at least 70% of the volume of the associated portion of the appendage.

4. (Original) The high-volume insert of claim 1, wherein a maximum diameter of the insert is configured to extend at least 70% across a diameter of the associated portion of the appendage.

5. (Original) The high-volume insert of claim 1, wherein a maximum diameter of the insert is configured to extend at least 75% across a diameter of the associated portion of the appendage.

6-11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The high-volume insert of claim 11, wherein a portion of the tab has a convex surface for supporting the cylindrical boss.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) The high-volume insert of claim 1, wherein the at least one engagement portion includes a first engagement portion for engaging a torso portion of the toy figure, and a second engagement portion for engaging a limb portion of the toy figure.

15. (Currently amended) The high-volume insert of claim 14, wherein the first and second engagement portions each include a substantially semicircular exterior edge configured to rotate smoothly within an outer covering of the toy figure.

16. (Previously Presented) A high-volume insert for a skeleton of an injection-molded toy figure, comprising:
a first body segment including one or more support braces; and
a second body segment detachably joined with the first body segment to form a body of the insert having a substantially hollow region between the first and second body segments, the body including a plurality of stabilization pegs for stabilizing the insert within a mold, wherein the first body segment includes at least one cylindrical, hollow dowel, and wherein the second body segment includes at least one cylindrical, hollow boss for slidably receiving the dowel to join the body segments, the second body segment further including at least one engagement portion for engaging another portion of the toy figure by forming a pivotable connection, each engagement portion including a substantially planar tab and a cylindrical connector, wherein the connector is supported by reinforcement ridges extending from the tab and configured to engage at least one of the braces.

17. (Original) The high-volume insert of claim 16, wherein the body of the insert is configured to occupy at least 50% of a volume of an associated portion of the toy figure.

18. (Original) The high-volume insert of claim 16, wherein the body of the insert is configured to occupy at least 60% of a volume of an associated portion of the skeleton.

19. (Original) The high-volume insert of claim 16, wherein the body of the insert is configured to occupy at least 70% of a volume of an associated portion of the skeleton.

20. (Original) The high-volume insert of claim 16, wherein a maximum diameter of the body of the insert is configured to extend at least 70% across an associated diameter of a limb of the figure.

21. (Original) The high-volume insert of claim 16, wherein the at least one engagement portion includes a first engagement portion for engaging a torso portion of the toy figure, and a second engagement portion for engaging a limb portion of the toy figure.

22-24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) An injection-molded toy figure, comprising:
a torso and limbs made of at least one soft flesh-like outer layer molded over an inner skeleton, the inner skeleton including at least one high-volume insert disposed within a limb of the figure, the high-volume insert including:
a hollow body portion configured to occupy at least 50% of a volume of an associated portion of the limb, wherein the body portion remains hollow after the outer layer has been molded over the inner skeleton; and
engagement portions at opposing ends of the body portion, each engagement portion for engaging another portion of the inner skeleton, the engagement portions including a cylindrical boss for forming a pivotable connection with another portion of the inner skeleton at a first end and a recessed, substantially circular rack for engaging another portion of the inner skeleton at a second end.
26. (Original) The toy figure of claim 25, wherein the body portion of the insert is configured to occupy at least 60% of the volume of the associated portion of the limb.
27. (Original) The toy figure of claim 25, wherein the body portion of the insert is configured to occupy at least 70% of the volume of the associated portion of the limb.
28. (Original) The toy figure of claim 25, the body portion having a maximum diameter configured to extend at least 60% across a diameter of an association portion of the limb.
29. (Original) The toy figure of claim 28, wherein the maximum diameter is configured to extend at least 75% across the diameter of the associated portion of the limb.
30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) A high-volume insert for an injection-molded toy figure, comprising:

a hollow body portion substantially frustoconical in shape and configured to form an inner supporting structure for an appendage of the toy figure, wherein a maximum diameter of the body portion is configured to extend at least 70% across a diameter of the associated portion of the appendage; and

at least a first engagement portion for engaging a torso portion of the toy figure and a second engagement portion for engaging a limb portion of the toy figure, the first and second engagement portions each including a substantially semicircular edge configured to rotate smoothly within an outer covering of the toy figure, wherein the engagement portions are configured to form a pivotable connection, at least one of the engagement portions including a recessed, substantially circular rack configured to engage the torso or limb portion of the toy figure.

32. (Original) The high-volume insert of claim 31, wherein the body portion is configured to occupy at least 50% of the volume of the associated portion of the appendage.

33. (Original) The high-volume insert of claim 31, wherein a maximum diameter of the body portion is configured to extend at least 75% across a diameter of the associated portion of the appendage.

34. (Original) The high-volume insert of claim 31, wherein the body portion is configured to at least partially conform to an outer surface of the appendage.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Original) The high-volume insert of claim 31, wherein the engagement portion includes a cylindrical boss.

37-38. (Canceled)